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PATENT **DOCKET NO.: P-9499.00** IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL In re Application of: Karel Smits et al. For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPARTING CURVES IN IMPLANTABLE ELONGATED MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS Serial No.: 10/045,850 Filed: 01/09/2002 CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that this Amendment and Transmittal and the Printed Name Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: We are transmitting herewith the attached: X AMENDMENT Applicant hereby petitions for months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor. П Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 in the amount of \$_____ for the one-month extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been X overlooked on this Amendment. Transmittal with regard to this filling. A duplicate of this transmittal is

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed 2 June 2004, having a three-month statutory period for reply set to expire on 2 September 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in advance of the expiration of said period for reply.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.